

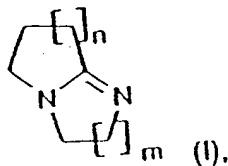
CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

Amend claim 6 as follows:

6. (amended) A process for preparing a γ -alkoxyamine by

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- a) reaction of an α,β -unsaturated nitrile with a monohydric, dihydric or trihydric alcohol in the presence of a basic catalyst at from -20 to 200°C , optionally in the presence of a solvent, to form a β -alkoxynitrile, and
 - b) subsequent hydrogenation of the β -alkoxynitrile in the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst, optionally in the presence of a solvent, without prior removal or neutralization of said basic catalyst,

which consists of using in the first step a diazabicycloalkene catalyst of the formula I



where from 1 to 4 hydrogen atoms on the diazabicycloalkene nucleus may be independently replaced by the radicals R^1 to R^4 , in which case R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are each C_{1-20} -alkyl, C_{6-20} -aryl or C_{7-20} -arylalkyl, and n and m are each an integer from 1 to 6, and effecting the hydrogenation in the second step at from 50 to 250°C in the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst and of the catalyst of the formula I.